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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CFA Members and Friends,

First, I would like to thank our founding president, Cyril Gray Cogswell, for his considerable investment of time and funds in the formation of the

Cogswell Family Association. Many of us have worked toward this end, but Cyril brought life to the CFA while working under great handicap. It is unfortunate that he was unable to be present at our first annual meeting, but we hope that he will attend our next one.

Our first annual meeting and related activities were a great success, thanks primarily to our meeting chairman, John Heyland Cogswell, and to those who participated with him in the event---the Little family, the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities, and others. Thought is being given to the location of our 1991 annual meeting. While we had thought that Westbury Leigh would be a most logical location in view of the 400 anniversary of the completion there of the home which was the birthplace of John Cogswell(#1), the uncertain international situation and the considerable expense of assembling there would severely limit attendance. We are now considering a second meeting in New England, with Pemaguid being included in the event. I have appointed Claire Cogswell Daigle of Ware MA to be Meeting Chairman for 1991, and she has already begun to plan the event.

During this initial year, CPA membership has grown to about 115. We have just scratched the surface in our efforts to publicize the CFA, and I believe that we can double this number during 1991 with active help from the members. To lead the effort, Julius Gould Cogswell of New York NY has been appointed Membership Chairman. If you would send names of those

you believe would be interested in CFA membership to him at Apt. 17-R, Lincoln Towers, 150 West End Ave, NY 10023, he will supply them with appropriate information.

A dues notice for 1991 is enclosed, and it would be appreciated if you would return it with payment to the address indicated. Non-members are encouraged to join the CPA at this time.

Our genealogical program is about to become a reality. Catherine and Julie Cogswell, our Historian and Assistant Historian, are now obtaining the most sophisticated genealogical program available and will soon prepare their computer to accept the family data already on hand. Appropriate blank ancestral charts will be sent to those family members who have not already supplied data on their ancestors. This is a major undertaking which will be the first step toward relating more recent descendants to those contained in Jameson's Cogswells in America.

William Harvey Cogswell 3rd, our 1st Vice President, is investigating how best to make available to the membership a high-quality Cogswell coat-of-arms suitable for framing. This print would be in the style of the one on the cover of Jameson's book. He is searching for a print with the highest quality to use as a master. Anyone with such a print would be most welcome to contact Billy at 7 Sayle Road, The Crescent, Charleston SC 29407.

I am continuing to edit the CFA Newsletter until such time that a replacement editor is found. Any member who would like to assume this task would be welcome to make his or her feelings known to me.

Sincerely,

Sumter A. Cogswell

ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting of the Cogswell Family Association was held at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem MA on August 3, 1990. John Heyland Cogswell, our Secretary and Treasurer, was chairman of the meeting. After the invocation by our Chaplain, Rev. A. Charles Cogswell Cannon, the meeting proceeded with a welcome by First Vice President, Sumter Aldage Cogswell, who spoke in absence of our President, Cyril Gray Cogswell, who could not attend due to illness. Although Cyril's presence was sorely missed, he participated through an open telephone line during the entire meeting.

The Secretary reported that 71 members and guests were at the meeting, including 36 of the 103 paid members descended from John Cogswell(#1). The Treasurer reported that the CFA had a net operating balance of \$4440, reflecting dues payments of \$3340, contributions of \$2030, interest of \$161, and expenses of \$1091. In a separate account for the annual meeting and related activities, collections of \$2019 were expected to cover all costs and, perhaps, provide a small benefit to other activities.

The report by our legal council, Daniel Waldo Boone Flint, who could not be in attendance, indicated that our application to the Internal Revenue Service for a tax-exempt status had been denied but was under appeal.

The Nominating Committee's report of proposed officers and directors for 1991 was presented and approved unanimously by the membership, as follows:

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After very brief comments regarding possible sites for next year's meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING-RELATED ACTIVITIES

On the afternoon of August 3, 1990, Gary Boyd Roberts of the New England Historic Genealogical Society spoke before many family members on his research into early ancestral lines. He commented on the relationship between the Cogswells, two US presidents, the Princess of wales, and others. The NEHGS publishes several books which may be of interest to CFA members. A catalogue of their publications is available from the NEHGS, 101 Newbury Street, Boston MA 02116.

On August 4, 1990, the day following the annual meeting, attendees were bussed from Salem to Ipswich and Essex, where arrangements had been made to visit historic homes, burial grounds, museums, and the Cogswell Grant. At least 58 people visited the Grant and were given a tour of the home and property by the Little family, their caretakers, and representatives of the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities.

COGSWELL QUILT

Arnold Cogswell of Albany NY has supplied an article from the April/May 1990 issue of QUILTING TODAY, The International Quilt Magazine, that describes a quilt believed to have been made by Elizabeth Thompson about the time of her marriage to John Cogswell(#1) in 1615. This quilt is

currently the property of the United Methodist Historical Society of the Baltimore Conference, Love-ly Lane Museum, Baltimore MD. It was in family hands until 1897, at which time it was obtained by the museum. Quilt lovers would appreciate the fine backstitching so typical of English quilting.

COGSWELL TOWER, CENTRAL FALLS RI.

On Sunday, September 16, 1990, the town of Central Falls RI (near Providence) held an all-day celebration of the 100 anniversary of Jenks Park. The most important structure in the park is Cogswell Tower, located on the highest spot in the city. The tower was built about 1904 with a bequest from Caroline Cogswell, a native of Central Falls who had moved to San Francisco during the California goldrush and was the wife of Dr. Henry Daniel Cogswell(#1656), who founded Cogswell College in San Francisco CA.

DESCENDANTS OF JULIUS COGSWELL(#106S)

Rev. David L. Taylor of Brevard NC calls attention to the fact that an almost up-to-date continuation of the family tree of Julius Cogswell(#106S) is available in Descendants of Gideon Lyman and Dolly Spencer, by Elizabeth B. Buffa. Copies are available at \$28 + \$2 postage and handling from the author at 906 Chautauqua Blvd., Pacific Palisades CA 90272. Julius' home, which was built about 1825 in Auburn Township, Susquehanna County, PA, is now being restored. The 30-year (1868-1898) diary of Julius' son, Gideon Lyman Cogswell(#1717, (see #1065), has been computerized by one of his grandsons, Dr. Howard L. Cogswell of Hayward CA. David also points out that while his mother, Bessie Cogswell, and Howard's father, Irwin, are in the Buffa book, their line is not indicated in Jameson. This is due to the fact that Gideon Lyman married their grandmother, his third wife, in 1884, the year Jameson was published.

COGSWELL FAMILY BOOKS

Many CFA members will be interested in the availability of three books on the Cogswell family and its background:

1. The Cogswells in America (1635-1884) by E.O. Jameson (1884). This 683-page book provides extensive background and genealogical data on some 2500 descendants of John Cogswell(#1), who emigrated to the Ipswich MA area in 1635 from Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England. This high-quality reproduction on acid-free paper with a sewn binding is bound in a variegated green and black leather-like vinyl which has been stamped in gold with the Cogswell crest and author's name. The book is available at \$180 plus \$5 per copy for shipping and handling from Cogswell College, 10420 Bubb Road, Cupertino CA 95014. A lower quality photocopied book (Item P3-10700) is available at \$97 plus \$5.75 for shipping and handling plus sales tax from the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston MA 02116.

2. Cogswells and Cloth in Avonvale by Lt Cdr. Reginald J. Cogswell(1983) of Weymouth, Dorset, England. This 170-page book focuses on John Cogswell(#1) and his parents, who built the Cogswell homestead in 1591 in Westbury Leigh. The book provides much background on the Cogswell family in early England and the atmosphere in which it lived and operated. This book, bound in cobalt blue vinyl and stamped in gold with the title and author's name, is available at \$45 plus \$3 per copy for shipping and handling from Cogswell College, 10400 Bubb Road, Cupertino CA 95014.
3. Cogswell-Haldeman (The Ancestors and Descendants of Asa Ferris Cogswell and Arobine Haldeman, with allied lines) by Helen Cogswell Trostel(1966). This 363-page book is thorough and well-documented, containing some 50 coats-of-arms, charts, maps, family trees, photographs, wills, photostats, etc. The lineage of more than 30 allied lines from time of entry into the family is given back to the 16th or 17th century. The book is available postpaid at \$60 per copy from Anne C. Trostel, 25 Marland Road, Colorado Springs CO 80906.

JOHN COGSWELL'S HORSEHIDE TRUNK

When John Cogswell(#1) landed at Pemaquid in 1635, his belongings included a grey horsehide trunk bearing the initials "JC" and a pair of sheep shears. Both items were salvaged from the wreck of the Angel Gabriel. These belongings resided at the Cogswell Grant for several generations and were passed down through several more generations in New England until John Cogswell(#739) of Haverhill MA moved to Wisconsin in 1849. His son, Frank Cogswell(#1369d), moved these belongings to the state of Washington sometime after 1876. The chest and shears finally arrived in Kansas through his son, Daniel, and grandson, John, who died in 1989. Now John's children would like to see these articles resume their eastward journey and again reside at the Cogswell Grant. They have offered them to the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities, which in the future will administer the Grant.

COGSWELL PROPERTIES

A number of people have asked about descriptive information on the Cogswell Grant in Ipswich and on the homestead in Westbury Leigh, England. The following sources present detailed information on these properties:

1. "John Cogswell's Grant and Some of the Houses Thereon, 1636-1839", by Nina Fletcher Little. Essex Institute Historical Collections, Vol. LXXVI, April 1940, pp. 152-173. Published by the Essex Institute, 132 Essex Street, Salem MA 01970.
2. "Living With Antiques: Cogswell's Grant, the Essex County Home of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram K. Little", by Alice Winchester. Antiques Magazine, February, 1969, pp. 242-251.
3. Cogswells and Cloth in Avonvale, by Reginald J. Cogswell. Described elsewhere in this newsletter.

FUTURE CFA NEWSLETTERS

Items for inclusion in future newsletters are solicited by the editor. Short and concise items are preferred, and some editing may take place. Please submit material to me at 300 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos CA 94022.

Sumter A. Cogswell